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25X1 1. No changes have been reported in the general disposition of Soviet air and ground units in occupied areas of Europe in the last week. The majority of the Soviet combat divisions in Germany were still engaged in training at regimental level at their troop-training grounds up to the beginning of September 1951. The artillery and engineer units of armies and divisions, detached from their parent units, continued special training during the first week of September.*

2. Since the middle of August Russian women have been arriving in the Soviet Zone of Germany aboard the regular leave trains and also in special shipments. It is believed that they are replacing German women employed by Soviet units. Reports from military posts, troop-training grounds, and airfields have mentioned the dismissal of German women employees. It is rumored that the Russians will take similar measures to replace German men employed by Soviet units; reports to this effect have been received from the uranium-mining area in Saxony, indicating in particular the dismissal of German drivers. Some of the incoming Russian women wear uniforms, other wear ragged civilian clothing.**

25X1A * Comment: This is believed to indicate that preparations for large-scale fall manoeuvres had not yet been made by the first week of September.

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